

# South Carolina is Just Right for Agribusiness



South Carolina's agricultural industry has a long history and has been a vital component of the Palmetto state's economy for hundreds of years. Referred to as agribusiness, the agriculture and forestry industries represent one of the largest, if not the largest, economic sectors in the state of South Carolina.

- Annual economic impact of \$33 billion
- Employs over 200,000 people
- Includes food processing, livestock and produce, wood, paper and forestry-related companies

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## The Agribusiness Industry: Growing Smart Investments

### The Agribusiness Industry Calls South Carolina Home

South Carolina's growing network of agribusiness-related companies and suppliers, distributed across the state, includes family owned and operated farms, large scale private farms, livestock producers, major food manufacturers and processors, and wood and timber related companies of all sizes.

- Starbucks Coffee
- Perdue
- McCalls Farms
- Georgia Pacific
- International Paper
- Pilgrims Pride
- Sonoco
- Nestle
- Kraft
- First Quality

**Workforce, Training and Education**—South Carolina is committed to growing and developing its world-class agribusiness industry and workforce. Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences offers many degree programs, both undergraduate and graduate, related to the agribusiness industry like agricultural education, agricultural business, forest resources management, and food packaging science.

Additionally, South Carolina is home to 16 technical colleges, five of which offer degree programs in topics related to agribusiness

### New and Expanding Agribusiness Companies

Company	Jobs	Capital Investment
First Quality Enterprises	1,000	\$ 1 Billion
Starbucks	100	-
Kronotex	68	\$74.5 Million
Ruiz Foods	500	\$55 Million
Birdsong Peanuts	55	\$47.3 Million
McCall Farms	285	\$38.9 Million
Roya Foods	150	\$12 Million
Au'some Candies	120	\$ 6 Million
New South Companies	106	\$11.6 Million

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